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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Arlene Balto	Examiner:	Bethany L. Griles
Serial No.:	09/773,334	Group Art Unit:	3643
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The following is in response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002, the period of response for which runs through October 28, 2002.

REMARKS

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gullino (US 3,897,751) in view of Chung (US 4,279,361). The Examiner also asserted Gullino in view of Chung and Thrun (US 6,349,675) against claims 2, 3, 7-10 and 14 (and apparently claim 15 as well). The Examiner further rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gullino in view of Chung and Peterson (US 5,988,110). The Examiner also asserted Gullino and Chung in view of Carlin (US D297,471) against claims 16-19. The Applicant traverses the rejections.

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